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SUBJECT: PROPOSED UN SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE

PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

REF: A) GENEVA 1380; B) WALKER (OIC) MEMO TO DALLEY (IO)

- 1. MISSOFF MET WITH HRD DIRECTOR VAN BOVEN AND DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RAISED IN OIC MEMO (FEBRUARY 7) REGARDING U.S. HOSTING OF HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR. VAN BOVEN EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH DELEGATES TO THE SEMINAR ATTEND IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY THE SAME RULES EMPLOYED FOR UN CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, ETC., WOULD APPLY TO THE PROPOSED US-FINANCED SEMINAR.
- 2. SPECIFICALLY IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE OIC MEMO THAT:
- (A) SPONSORSHIP BE BY THE UN OR SUBSIDIARY, E.G., THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS;

REPLY: VAN BOVEN SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD BE UNDER UN UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSORSHIP.

(B) INVITATIONS GO TO GOVERNMENTS;

REPLY: THE INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS.

(C) GOVERNMENTS BE ASKED TO NAME DELEGATIONS;

REPLY: GOVERNMENTS WILL SELECT NATIONALS WHO WILL SERVE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AT THE CONFERENCE.

(D) THE PROPOSAL BE FOR A "MEETING" OR "CONFERENCE," E.G. "CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECOSOC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS";

REPLY: MISSION BELIEVES DISTINCTION BETWEEN CONFERENCE, MEETING, AND SEMINAR IS AN ISSUE WHICH MIGHT BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. RECOGNIZING THAT A DISTINCTION DOES EXIST WE TEND TO FAVOR USE OF TERM SEMINAR SINCE IT HAS BEEN USED BY HRD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM.

(E) INVITATIONS TO NGO'S BE BASED ON UN RULES AND PRACTICES;

REPLY: THIS IS STANDARD HRD PROCEDURE FOR SUCH PROGRAMS.

(F) UN RULES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS BE APPLICABLE AS FOR ANY UN CONFERENCE (REGARDING ROLE OF UN SECRETARIAT, TRAVEL OF DELEGATES, ETC.);

REPLY: THE STANDARD PROCEDURE IS FOR THE UN TO PAY FOR THE OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO THE SESSION. GOVERNMENTS PAY FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATES WHEN THEY WISH TO ATTEND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINAR.

(G) THE U.S. AS HOST COVER LOCAL EXPENSES - FACILITIES, REPRODUCTION, SECURITY, INTERPRETING, ENTERTAINMENT;

REPLY: THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO UN AS OUTLINED IN THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET SUBMITTED BY THE HRD AND FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN GENEVA 1380.SORENSON

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